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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Coyler, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/259,658  
Filed: February 26, 1999  
Entitled: "Methods and Compositions for  
Monitoring the Modification  
State of a Pair of Polypeptides"

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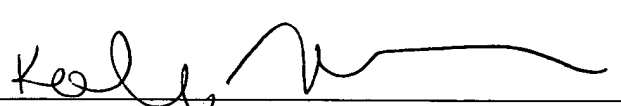
Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of Three Months to file a Response in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2002 from October 17, 2002, up to and including January 17, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, enclosed is the requisite extension fee of \$465.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 10069/1040. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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